

Wymeswold World

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Welcome back to a new school year, to both the families returning to us after the summer break and to those joining us for the very first time.

It has been a busy summer, there have been some new additions to school - the new covered area for the EYFS playground, allowing our children free-flow outdoor play even in inclement weather, our new outdoor classroom where children can read, play, learn in the fresh air and shelter.

In class 4 we have benefitted from the addition of 10 new PCs, to ensure we can offer excellent access for our children to high quality ICT provision. The old machines have been moved into Class 3 and will be replaced in the next round of ICT funding. If we replaced those PCs at the same time as Class 4, they would all need replacing at the same time, which would be cost prohibitive. The other classes will be able to use the new computer suite when Class 4 are timetabled out of their classroom.

We are constantly striving to make our school a beautiful, modern, well equipped environment in which it is a pleasure to learn. We hope that the children appreciate this effort and support us by keeping their areas tidy, wiping their feet, treating the school with respect and taking responsibility for their own belongings.

Becky Jackson

Welcome

We would like to extend a warm welcome to some new faces in school:-

Class 1	Maya Gardam	Curtis Doe	Hannah Dobbs
	Lucy Dobbs	Teigue Ryan	Esme Ryan
	Rosie Mansfield	Miles Henshaw	

Mrs Karina Foster who is joining Class 2 as a full time learning assistant. Karina is joining us from Sherard Primary School in Melton Mowbray.

Mrs Lydia Wright is joining us a volunteer, to support Literacy learning across the classroom. Lydia lives in the village and is a specialist in working with children who have Dyslexia.

We are very pleased you are joining us at Wymeswold School.

Vandalism

It is very sad that once again the school was subject to vandalism over the summer holidays and since we have been back.

The damage done has taken a lot of time and money to put right, and this is money that should be being used to teach the children who attend our school. I hope it is not being done by our current pupils or ex pupils, as this would be very hurtful to us to think they could damage an organisation that has cared for them so well.

Please could everyone keep their eyes and ears open for damage, groups of visitors to school out of hours that are acting inappropriately, or late night noise in the locality. Please either pass information on to the Head or 'phone the Community Police on 0116 222 2222.

The alternative if this carries on will be to consider becoming a closed site as the vandalism is increasingly serious and potentially hazardous to the safety of your children.

To all parents of Y6 children

The transfer cycle for Autumn 2010 has started with letters and application forms being posted out to parents on Sept 1st. All parents must apply even if it is for the catchment area of the school. The deadline for applications to be returned to the Allocations Section is 31st October 2009. Parents can return the paper application form or apply online at www.leics.gov.uk/admissions. Parents will not be able to make telephone applications.

Class Induction Meetings Tuesday, 15th September

We would like to invite you to our **annual class induction meetings**, these are short, informal sessions designed to give you a little more information about your child's new class.

We have staggered these meetings to ensure parents who have children in more than one class can attend all those relevant to them.

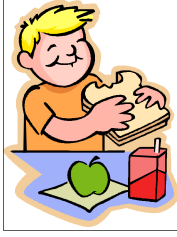
Class 1	4:30pm
Class 2	3:50pm
Class 3	4:10pm
Class 4	3:30pm



Bikes & Scooters

We love the fact that our children choose the healthy option of coming to school on their bikes and scooters.

However, our neighbours tell us that some children have been making a bit of a nuisance of themselves, riding ahead of their parents or carers and causing a hazard for other pedestrians and road users. We would be really keen to avoid an accident. Both to our children as well as to other people using the paths and roads. We would therefore like to ask parents and carers to ensure children use paths with consideration for others, to avoid using across the end of The Nook without looking and to slow down in order to avoid collision with pedestrians including younger children.



Lunchtime Volunteers

You should have received a letter about becoming a lunchtime volunteer. We highly value the support and input our volunteers provide, in cutting up food, opening packaging, pouring drinks and helping lunches move along more smoothly. The volunteer rota is being organised by Mrs Young. Please try and offer your help.

Wymeswold PTA

For those who are new to school, or for those who have not had the opportunity to get involved before, we would like to suggest joining the school PTA as an excellent way to support the school through fundraising and active involvement, but also as a great way of making new friends and deepening your understanding of how our school functions behind the scenes. We will post a notice on the outside notice board when the first PTA meeting will be this term, and it would be great to see new faces at the meeting.

I'd like to tell you about our new school book club. It's different because it's an online club. We have started it because we recognise that online shopping for books is quick and easy for many families. You'll find it at www.myschoolbookclub.com. As soon as you log on, you'll find an easy-to-use site with age-coded sections packed with the best books for children. They really are the pick of the bunch - books chosen because they're great reads for children. You'll discover that many books are reduced considerably in price too. It's not just your child who will benefit from our new club. Every time you buy books through the site, we benefit too: 20% of the value of every book you buy comes to us to help us buy more books for the school. If lots of parents participate, it could make a real difference to our school reading resources.



**Wymeswold Orchestra & KS2 Performance
on Thursday
19th November 2009**

Romany Wood is a classical work for children's voices, narrator and orchestra, with text by David Carr and music by David Gaukroger. The piece is designed to appeal to children aged 7-13 and has been performed to great acclaim in concert halls, cathedrals and schools around the UK.

The composer David Gaukroger will be attending our performance which will be at 7:00pm on Thursday, 19th November.

Further details will be sent out later this month and tickets will be available in the office:

Adults £8 Children £4

Romany Wood is a Charitable Trust and 50% of the sale of tickets go towards helping other schools throughout the world.

Dates for your Diary

Month:	Date:	Event:
September	18th	1st swim—KS1 children
	24th	'Mad Science' in assembly
October	2nd	Harvest Festival in St. Mary's Church 2pm
	3rd	Cross Country—Western Park
	8th/9th	School Photographer
	13th	Parents Evening 3:30pm to 5:30pm
	14th	Parents Evening 3:30pm to 7:30pm
		Half-Term Friday, 16th October Monday, 19th to Friday, 23rd October (6 days)
November	6th	Link 77 Cross Country Relays (Humphrey Perkins)
	7th	Cross Country—Western Park
	9th	Warning Zone—Class 4
	13th	Link 77 Cross Country Relays (Humphrey Perkins)
	19th	Romany Wood
	23rd	Travelling Book Club (all week after school)
	27th	Link 77 Cross Country Relays (Humphrey Perkins)
December	5th	Cross Country—Western Park
	9th	Induction for January intake
	15th	KS1 Nativity performance
	18th	Christmas Service in St. Mary's Church 2:00pm
		Spring Term starts Tuesday, 5th January

Music Lessons

If your child is interested in learning to play the Flute, Clarinet or Saxophone there are still some spaces available. You will receive the invoices directly from the teachers. Please contact:

Flute (Weds. Mornings) Judy Nicol 01509 561116
tiptap3@hotmail.co.uk

Clarinet/Sa (Thursday mornings) Lynda Morris
01509 550588 or 07769908785

Both Lynda and Judy are very experienced music teachers who have worked at Wymeswold for the past year. They can give you all the information on costs and hire of instruments etc.



We are missing quite a lot of reading books especially from Class 1. Please check at home and return any you find. They should have a Wymeswold School stamp in them.